and recommended creation of the following promotional posts:—

1. Senior Pharmacist-cum-Storekeeper.
2. Assistant Store Superintendent.
3. Zonal Store Superintendent.
4. Depot Manager.

The recommendations could not be implemented due to financial constraints.

Reported adulteration in food commodities

1614. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 19th July, 1984 under the caption "Alarming food adulteration in Delhi;"

(b) whether Government have made an enquiry into the matter; and

(c) what action has been initiated by the Prevention of Food Adulteration Department in such cases during the last six months?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi has intensified the implementation of the P.F.A. Act in the Union Territory. During the period from January to 3rd August, 1984, 1024 samples were lifted. Out of these 103 samples were found adulterated. 54 prosecution cases have been launched in the year 1984 upto June, 1984.

Rail connection between Narkatia Ganj Gorakhpur

1615. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bagaha Chittauni Rail bridge was damaged in 1924;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the railway connection between Narkatia Ganj and Gorakhpur junction remains severed till date; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to connect these two junction; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Restoration of Chittauni Bagaha MG rail link (28.41 kms.) is an approved project. The 9 kms. section between Bagaha and Valmikinagar Road has already been opened to traffic, as a part of this project.

Railway freight equalisation policy

1616. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the commodities on which the Railway freight equalisation policy is applicable;

(b) the reasons for which the consumer goods of bulk supply have been exempted;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the relevant section of the report of the interministerial group on freight equalisation that compared to the freight rate on distance